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## Sand soccer

Adrian Bravo Quintero, 14, of Virginia Beach, dives to make a save during the North American Sand Soccer Championships. The kick was high and sailed over the goal. The championships, on 50 fields across 18 blocks of the Oceanfront, conclude today. *Story on Page C4.*

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# SPORTS

**BELMONT STAKES:** Afleet Alex pulls away to a big victory / **C11**

# Title town

Three dramatic championships Saturday bring Beach's season total to 10



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Beamer Weems, center, is mobbed by his Princess Anne teammates after scoring the winning run in the bottom of the 12th on Jake McAloose's two-out, two-run single to give the Cavaliers the state baseball title.

### COMMENT

*A bountiful year grows greater still*



BOB MOLINARO

Maybe it's something in the drinking water. Or maybe a gentle breeze off the Atlantic has blown in some uncommonly good fortune. Who knows? Some things can't be explained, only applauded. Like the dominance of Virginia Beach high school sports. Kellam in girls soccer. Kempsville in softball. Princess Anne in baseball. All won on Saturday, raising to 10

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### KELLAM GIRLS SOCCER

**By refusing to lose, Knights make history**

BY VICKI L. FRIEDMAN  
THE VIRGINIAN-PILOT

NEWPORT NEWS — Senior Kelli Rankin described it as perfect, and indeed it was. All season long, with the icing reserved for Saturday. That's when unbeaten Kellam capped a glorious season of soccer by stunning Lake Braddock 2-0 at Christopher Newport to win the Group AAA state championship. It is the first state title for an Eastern Region girls team since the tournament began in 1984. Tears soaking her sweaty cheeks

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### KEMPSVILLE SOFTBALL

**Whitehurst saves her best hit for last**

BY MIKE KEECH  
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NEWPORT NEWS — With one swing, Bre Whitehurst became the most unlikely hero of the biggest victory in Kempsville High School softball history Saturday at Stoney Run Park. With two outs in the seventh inning, Whitehurst golfed an 0-1 pitch over the head of leftfielder Sarah Schultz, scoring Becky Pfiel from third base to give Kempsville (27-2) a 1-0 victory over previously unbeaten Osbourn and its first state Group AAA championship.

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### PRINCESS ANNE BASEBALL

**Down 8-0, Cavs rally and then win in 12th**

BY JAMI FRANKENBERRY  
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WILLIAMSBURG — There are plenty of historic sites within a long fly ball of William and Mary's Plumeri Park, and roller-coaster thrills are just a few miles away at Busch Gardens. But on Saturday those weren't more riveting, exhilarating or heart-stopping than what played out during a you-had-to-see-it-to-believe-it Group AAA state baseball championship game. Princess Anne scored two runs

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